

**COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
TREATING CELLS HAVING DOUBLE MINUTE DNA**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 This invention provides methods by which test substances can be
screened for their ability to inhibit, enhance or eliminate double minute (DM)
or extrachromosomal DNA by micronucleation in cells. This invention also
provides a method for inducing maturation or death of a cell having the
capacity to generate micronuclei. It also provides a method of treating a
10 disease in a subject, the cells correlated with the disease having DM and
extrachromosomal DNA as well as the capacity to generate micronuclei to
capture them. Further provided is a method of detecting chromosomal and
extrachromosomal DNA in a cell.